

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Noon-11pm
3:00-4:00
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9:00-11:00

Registration
Workshop Period 1
Period 2
Period 3
Speaker
Caucuses
"Word Is Out" and
Coffeehouse (simultaneous)

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

8:00-2:00
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Registration
Speaker
Workshop Period 1
Period 2
Period 3 (Panel)
Period 4
Period 5
Period 6
Period 7
Period 8 (Panel)
Period 9
Period 10
State Caucuses
Speaker
Entertainment

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

10:30-Noon
11:00-12:00

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Speaker
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Feedback Session
Picnic





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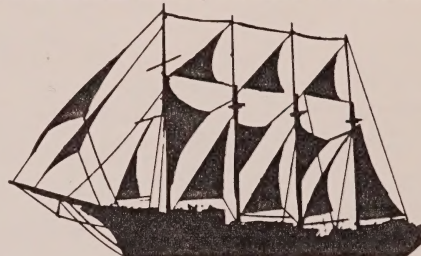
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Sisters and Brothers:

We welcome you to the Third Annual Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men. This conference has been planned by gay people from all over the Southeast. Lesbians and gay men have attended regional planning meetings from as far as Jackson, Mississippi and Miami, Florida, since the end of last year's conference in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Our hope in designing the conference has been that the conference will reflect the current status of the gay community, in the Southeast and nationally, and the direction in which this community is heading.

During the past several years, we have all seen and felt an upsurge of attacks on Lesbians and gay men nationally. Here in the South, this increase of repression against gays has had special significance. A long history of racism, sexism, and anti-gay bigotry has led to grand jury subpoenas against Lesbian/gay communities, and a nation-wide anti-gay campaign by a reactionary woman from this very region, Anita Bryant. Clearly, Anita Bryant's crusade has lent strong support and guidance to the rise of right-wing attacks on gay people and gay-baiting in the 1970's.

The history of the South has caused our struggle as Lesbians and gay men to be qualitatively different than that of our gay sisters and brothers in other parts of the United States. We are faced with the problems of urban depersonalization and rural isolation of gay people due to the geographic and economic factors characteristic of the Southeast. Yet, the Southeast has seen a massive campaign of gay people in Dade County demanding their/our rights, and a rise in organizations designed to meet the needs of Lesbians and gay men. For these reasons, building a gay movement in the Southeast has particular strengths and weaknesses.

We see this conference as a response by gay people to meet our needs and to challenge the discrimination against us. This conference is also a challenge in its own to the laws that perpetuate gay discrimination. *For example, in Virginia, any intentional gathering of homosexuals such as this is a crime.*

We hope this conference will provide a space where Lesbians and gay men in the Southeast can join together, share our experiences, our knowledge, our skills, increase our communication, and continue to build a stronger and more cooperative movement.

Since the beginning of planning this conference, there have been a variety of difficult political discussions and issues for us to resolve. Such issues as: sexism, allowing men into the women's caucus, socialist affiliation of some of the co-ordinators, the ERA boycott of unratified states, workshops inclusive of only one group of gay people, Lesbians working with gay men, etc., have interrupted our planning process. Many of us had had to compromise on some issues, but we still have been able to succeed in retaining our identity, focus and the fulfillment of our needs. In taking the time to have these discussions, we have all been educated and learned to work things out together. As a result, we have all gained a sense of respect and increased our understanding of each other.

The process involved in our building such a working relationship has been reflected in the planning structure, which has been based on equal representation of women and men. It has also been reflected in the coordinating committee's resolution that there will be workshops and other space available for any segment of the gay community to gather together alone. We understand the need for minority groups (Lesbians, Blacks, Latins, Asians, Native Americans, handicapped gays, etc.) to discuss and organize among them/our/selves without outside participation.

This is in harmony with the original goals of the conference, to: (1) maximize diversity by reaching out to all members of the gay community, particularly

Lesbians, Blacks, Latins, Asians, Native Americans, older gays, gay youth, rural gays, poor gays, etc; (2) promote an atmosphere that will increase gay people's sense of power, self-confidence, and consciousness; (3) increase communication among gay people and organizations; (4) aid in the building of new skills applicable to gay people's daily living situations; and (5) reflect the present status of the Lesbian/gay community and the direction in which it is heading.

Most importantly, we must remember that we have gathered together at this time to celebrate the history and the future of Lesbians and gay men. Exploring our differences and our similarities will promote enjoyment of ourselves and each other during these three days. With a shared sense of the struggles we have all been through and appreciation for the struggles we have yet to encounter, we will make this conference a stepping stone to the strengthening of the Lesbian/gay community.

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Frank, Diane, Leif, Heidi, Cathy, Terry, Karl, Bob, Dave, Greg, Maria, Tom, Jim, Marcia, Greg, Marsha, Angelo, Liz, Bluebird, Wendy, Victor, Jeri, Judi, Amanda, Stacy, Jim, Tad, Candyce, Tom, Bob, Vicki, Susan, Emily, Dan, Grace, Ann, Karen, Howard, Larry, Allan, Fagele, Ron, Tony, and all the others!

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Consequently, Press Registration at the Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men is understood by the sponsoring organizations to imply agreement with the following groundrules

- * No person may be quoted in any media reportage of conference activities, whether by name or not, without her/his explicit permission
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- * It is requested that closed workshops not be reported on, in accordance with the wishes of leaders and organizers of the workshops.

Failure to respect these groundrules will be grounds for legal action by the Steering Committee of the 3rd Annual Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men and its legal representatives.

NAME TAG COLOR CODE

In order to make things a little easier for those of you who are unfamiliar with Atlanta, we've devised the following color code for your name tags:

- Red: Conference organizers
- Black: Speakers, workshop facilitators, panelists, etc.
- Blue: Atlanta-area residents
- Green: Out-of-towners

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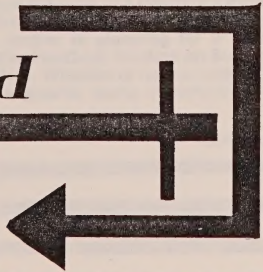
Down Under at 8th and Cyprus, offers 10% off all items for registrants.

El Malador in Ansley Mall, offers the first drink at half price this weekend for conference-goers, and is also providing free drinks at the First Tuesday Democratic Association hospitality suite.

Stephens, 1833 Peachtree Rd., offers a 50c off discount on some meals this weekend. See their ad on page 31.

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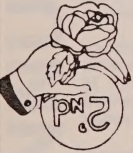
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... a personal perspective

Welcome to the Conference!

Some of you attended one or both of the Southeastern Gay Conferences held the past two years at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. As you can see, there have been changes in name and locale -- but these are rather superficial when compared to the rapidly evolving course of Southern Lesbian/gay history in the past few years.

November, 1975. At the monthly meeting of the Carolina Gay Association at UNC-CH, I suggested that it might be a good idea to host some sort of a regional gay convention. One member skeptically (and quite justifiably) commented that we experienced enough difficulties with trying to organize a Friday evening coffeehouse, no less an entire convention. Fortunately though, insanity prevailed, and the group proceeded with plans for the First Annual Southeastern Gay Conference.

Things were a little calmer then. Only a few months before, Chapel Hill had become the first (and to my knowledge, still the *only*) city in the South to enact gay rights legislation. Mind you, this was more than a year before the citrus holocaust and we still hadn't made our grand entry into television.

It was a good weekend. So many people did so much to make it all happen. New statewide coalition groups formed for North Carolina and Florida; the latter sponsored a statewide Conference a few months later. And a group of Atlantans returned home perhaps a little more energized to organize a joyously exuberant (and very controversial) gay pride parade. *The ball was rolling.* Sure, we made mistakes, but what could one expect? It was the first time anyone had ever done such things in the South.

Another year, another Conference -- at first glance similar, but in fact, very different from its predecessor. Much was happening. We were all in the midst of the greatest turbulence ever experienced by the modern Lesbian/gay liberation movement. Ultimately though, when all the factors are considered, I believe she will have *helped* us much, much more than *hurt* us.

Attendance more than doubled -- over 700 of you came to Chapel Hill. It was a weekend UNC will never forget! The bigots scrambled for pants other than blue jeans; and for 48 glorious hours, the Student Union was *ours*. We were so proudly visible. But nothing comes free, and we had to pay a price. At the Saturday night disco, firecrackers were thrown from a dorm balcony into the crowd below. One string nearly landed in the lap of a Lesbian in a wheelchair. And for the remainder of the semester, there was a virtual epidemic of harassment against gays on campus. Was it really worth it?

So, here we are. The gay/Lesbian movement in the South has certainly come a long, long way. And where it goes from here depends, to a significant extent, on what energy and ideas we exchange with one another during this weekend. Of particular importance is the entire matter of planning for a *fourth* Conference -- planning that will begin at the Feedback Session on Sunday. Also, a questionnaire is included in this booklet. Whether or not you attend the Feedback Session, it is essential that you provide some information and express your opinions.

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There are basically three reasons for this: First, we have to deal with severe space limitations; Second, in the evaluations of last year's Conference, many people gave the feedback that several workshops were too large, which made sharing difficult; and Third, the Workshops Committee is seeking to fulfill the mandates of the Conference - one of which is skills-building (something that is hard to do in large groups.)

We hope the inconvenience is worth what you experience in the workshops. We ask that you sign up only for the workshops you will attend, making sure they don't overlap, and to let us know if you change your mind. Please note that some topics are scheduled for one hour, and other topics are scheduled for more time. **All workshops are listed in the program in groups according to starting time and duration.** Note also that a few topics are oriented to and limited to a specific group of people. Other registrants are asked to respect the wishes of those workshop organizers and attend some other topic. Exclusive workshops are designated in the program by a ★.

The films and panels are open and do not require registration.

Period 1

3:00-4:00

GAYS IN BUSINESS 329
A workshop aimed at discussing the problems that gay owners have in dealing with straight customers, salesmen, etc. Tips for Lesbians and gay men who want to start a business, and much more! [Richard Greenfield]

SEXUAL FREEDOM AND LIBERTARIAN POLITICS 319
A panel by three gay libertarians concerning their views on the social and legal status of gay men and women. Followed by questions and answers. "A valuable alternative for those active in improving the political status of gays." [Mike Lipson]

VARIETIES OF WOMEN'S MUSIC ★ 219
For Women Only. Listening to women's music recorded on feminist labels. Discussing what is important about women's music. [Chris Carroll (Lucina's Music/Callopie Distributors)]

THE GAY RIGHTS CASE OF THE CENTURY 619
There's still a lot going on down in Miami. Details of a forthcoming legal case with vast and far-reaching ramifications will be discussed. [Irving Weinsoff & Transperience Center Staff Members]

MEN'S MUSIC & POETRY ★ 519
For Men Only. A discussion of gay male music & poetry, with some readings and song. Feel free to bring poems, instruments & voice to contribute. [Frank Abbott and others]

WOMEN INTO S&M AND RAPE FANTASIES ★ 529
For Women Only. A discussion for women about the physical and mental feelings they have about S&M as well as rape fantasies. [Duffy Baum]

Period 2

3:30-4:00

SHAKING THE LEGISLATIVE BEADS 426
A presentation and discussion facilitated by the creator of Atlanta's only gay Democratic Club. The workshop will discuss how gays can use lobbying techniques proven effective by other grass roots movements. [Gil Robison and Diane Stephenson]

COMING OUT [Robert Thompson] 429

COMING OUT TO PARENTS 229
(See Saturday, 11am)

Period 3

4:30-5:30

GAY ACADEMIC GROUPS 326
Sharing of experiences and giving advice about establishing, running, and perpetuating gay groups for men and women on university campuses. [Lief Sandberg, Jerry Lowry, and Liz Wolf]

GAY RIGHTS LEGISLATION 226
A discussion led by a member of Atlanta's First Tuesday Democratic Association about how to secure civil rights ordinances. [James Dixon]

STARTING A LESBIAN ORGANIZATION 529
Those interested in starting or participating in Lesbian [or gay] organizations will share experiences and raise pertinent questions. [Elizabeth Nolton]

GAYS AND MEDIA 626
A discussion of ways in which gay and Lesbian publications and radio programs can be produced; also how organizations can help induce POSITIVE coverage of gays and Lesbians in the "straight" media. [James Moody]

PETER PAN AND TINKERBELL 526
Discussion in small groups with these goals: to be supportive of love, friendship, play, etc. between gay men and Lesbians; to explore bisexuality; and share experiences of Lesbians and gay men who live together. [Kathy Gross]

PUBLICATIONS FOR GAY MEN ★ 519
For Men Only. A facilitated discussion of Male oriented Gay Publications.

Speech (Hotel Ballroom) 7:00-8:30

RIGHTS INSIDE/RIGHTS OUTSIDE: THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE GAY MOVEMENT TO THE PRISON MOVEMENT

Jill Raymond is a Lesbian socialist feminist. She was imprisoned for 18 months in 1975 for refusing to testify before a grand jury that was investigating the gay community. She works with the ACLU Prison Project as a paralegal, and is active in the Washington D. C. Area Feminist Alliance.

You've sampled just the beginning of the conference. More is yet to come. Caucus meetings for special concerns are being held at this time. Tonight-- a premiere showing of "Word is Out" --highly recommended. . . A coffee house held in Gaffer's Lounge features local gay entertainers affording us the opportunity to share and celebrate with our musically talented friends. . . For your late night pleasure we encourage you to go out on the town and check out the Big Peach. This is a special benefit night for the Conference at the Magic Garden. All proceeds from the door of this super-charged disco will be turned over to us to help defray our expenses. Your appearance tonight will help us immensely. A map and directory has been enclosed to assist you in finding the gay bars.

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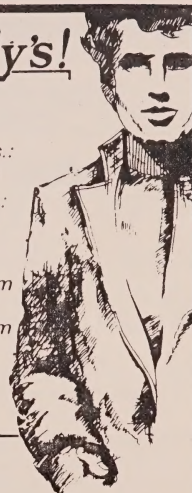
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Mon.-Thurs.:
6pm-11pm

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6pm-12pm

Sunday:
5:30pm-11pm

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VIOLENCE AGAINST GAYS IN ATLANTA--AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT

American society in general, and Southern society in particular, often give vent to homophobic feelings by committing acts of violence against Gay people. This has always been a problem in Atlanta, especially when high school boys are out for summer break.

The annual summertime phenomena of queerbeating seems to have started early this season. Several bars have witnessed ugly scenes recently, including beatings, muggings, rapes and auto thefts.

Many concerned individuals, including several members of First Tuesday, are trying to organize police protection, community awareness, and a lavender patrol to deal with the situation. Three weeks ago, a historic meeting between the two police Directors (Amos and Chafin) and several bar owners and concerned gays took place. While we're not naive enough to believe that "The policeman (sic) is always your friend," several responsible recommendations emerged from the session:

1. Police protection is provided on the basis of reported incidents. If anything unpleasant does occur, it is of extreme importance that you get as many specifics as possible (descriptions, tag numbers, etc.), and report it immediately.

2. The same people seem to be doing the beatings, etc. Unless they're apprehended, and the reporting procedure followed through, the violence will continue.

3. Travel in groups, since frequently three brave souls will jump a solitary gay. We sincerely hope that nothing happens to mar your stay at the Conference. But, if something does, please report it to the police (the zone commander for the Cheshire Bridge Rd. area is Capt. Redding), and to the Conference organizers. Above all, remember to exercise caution, since we're not located, nor do we frequent, the most crime-free areas of town. Please have a gay time, carefully.

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Speech (Fox Ballroom) 9:00-10:30

GAY AND LESBIAN RIGHTS, LARRY McDONALD, AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

R. Adam DeBaugh is a committed Christian and head of the Washington Office for the Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC). He is the only lobbyist working on gay civil rights issues in the United States Congress. Adam served as the Director of the Center for the Study of Power and Peace for five years. He has published several books and monographs, including "Hunger and the Global Community" and "China Along the Road to Liberation." A syndicated columnist in several gay newspapers, he serves on the Board of Directors of the Gay Rights National Lobby.

Period 1

11:00-12:00

HOMOSEXUALITY AND THE BIBLE

[Tom Bigelow]

Rm. 429

LOOKSISM AND OTHER CONDITIONED RESPONSES

[Cathy Fire and Barbara Ruth]

Rm. 619

CONSCIOUSNESS-RAISING GROUPS

Guidelines for consciousness-raising groups; pooling our experiences with all-male and mixed male and female groups. [Dan Leonard]

Rm. 629

ARMED STRUGGLE AND VIOLENCE

[Fagele ben Miriam]

Rm. 719

WORKING WITH STRAIGHT MEN IN MEN'S LIBERATION GROUPS

The evolution of the Chapel Hill Men's Resource Center. Follow-up discussion: What exactly are we looking for when we want someone to "accept" us? Are gay men men after all? How can you tell when to trust a straight man? [Allan Brown]

Rm. 729

SUPPORT GROUP FOR OLDER GAYS

Generating support groups that enrich the "typical" older gay's lifestyle is the goal, encompassing what is known of existing groups, legitimate goals, guidelines and activities of support groups, and an exchange of ideas. [Tom Guion]

Rm 829

"THE MASQUERADE"

A presentation of the positive side of female impersonation with images in film. Followed by a discussion of the art's many aspects [Ray Hagans]

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RISE AND SHINE

WORKSHOP IN SOUND AND MOVEMENT

Fox Ballroom

For Women Only. Solving problems through music and sound. Goals are to center yourself, to connect with others in movement, sound, and percussion, and to realize patterns of moving with which the culture inculcates the opposite sex; hence, developing aggressive patterns in women and receptive patterns in men. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing, and feel free to bring drums, recorders, etc. [Susan Spaulding and Elise Melrod]

FIGHTING RACISM

Parlors A, B, C

Bringing racism among gays out of the closet with a brief presentation, suggestions for change, and discussion on combatting racism and developing unity. [Kathy Dennis]

LESBIANS WITHIN N.O.W.

Rm. 219

Presenting the overwhelming need within the women's movement for the women-centered force and energy of the Lesbian community. Encompasses the need for new and radical thought patterns to provide hopeful impetus and to openly force the feminist organizations to acknowledge and accept Lesbianism in the movement. [Lynn Crisco]

COMING OUT TO PARENTS

Rm. 226

Directed to people who have not come out to their parents but wish to do so. Will help participants determine their readiness to come out, motives for coming out, and the ability to handle the results of coming out. Workshop is divided into three sections: lecture on topic and objectives; discussion with two parents of gays; and professional evaluation of each person's readiness to come out. [Jake Shipp and others]

ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF LIVING FOR LESBIANS ★

Rm. 229

For Women Only. Informal format - exploring the options we have in living various ways: Lesbians who live (or have lived) collectively, who share non-monogamous relationships, who live alone, etc. Analyzing our successes and failures and incorporating the political and economic realities of each option. [Sue Echelwoman and Marsha Strong]

ASTRODRAMA FOR GAY PEOPLE

Rm. 319

Applying astrology along the lines of psych-drama. Presentation and improvisations on basic astrological concepts - acting out the Sun, Moon, Jupiter, etc., as basic principles and as personal expressions of a person's chart. Emphasis on planets of emotions and sexuality - Venus, Mars, and the Moon - for special interest to gays. No astrological knowledge needed; birthdates desired before workshop begins. [Dave Bryant assisted by the Atlanta Astrologers]

COUNSELLING PEOPLE WITH GAY CONCERNS

Rm. 329

Designed to increase professionals' understanding of gay male and female lifestyles. Will provide models and examples of how persons with gay concerns can be helped through long-term therapy. [Howard Fradkin]

ORGANIZING AND CONDUCTING A "COMING OUT" DISCUSSION GROUP

Rm. 519

The workshop is based on our series in Atlanta. Program materials used in Atlanta will be offered, as well as methods for training qualified group discussion leaders. [Jim Struve, et. al.]

HOW TO TAKE OVER YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Rm. 529

Getting pro-gay candidates elected. How to register voters, assess candidates' positions on gay rights, develop gay rights as a campaign issue, channel candidates into the gay community and vice-versa, and how to get out the vote. [Gil Robison and the First Tuesday Democratic Association]

MOVEMENT AND PLAY FOR MEN

The Room

For Men Only. A workshop for experiencing and participating, emphasizing spatial moving activities, interacting with a partner, and playing games in groups. [Jack Brownfield and Randy Taylor]

SAME-SEX SQUARE DANCING

Fox Salon

Instructing groups of eight in Square Dancing using music from tape and records. Goal: to get gay men and lesbians interested in square and folk dancing. [Terry W. Schneider]

Period 3-Panel (Fox Salon) 12-2

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: A CHANCE FOR LESBIANS AND GAY MEN TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR LIFESTYLES

Valerie Hoskins--Black Lesbian, student at the University of Georgia.

Karen Peterson--Active with the Carolina Gay Association in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Ron Kilgore--Active in the Committee on Gay Education in Athens, Georgia.

Stuart Strenger--Psychologist at Buckhead Psychological Associates, formerly Chief Psychologist of the Emory School of Medicine.

MODERATOR--Stephen Lenton

HUNGRY GAYS

Saturday should be an exhilarating and exhausting time for us all. We'll need easily accessible sustenance and fortification. Many of us won't have the money to buy a big spread, and most of us won't want to take the time out to locate a suitable restaurant.

Bearing in mind personal economics and the ERA boycott, two Gay groups have arranged for our nutritional needs. The Boogie Women of ALFA are brownbagging hundreds of non-meat sandwiches, fruits and cookies, as well as juices, which can be had for a small fee from mid-morning to early afternoon in the Georgian Terrace.

Several North Carolina people have organized a "Poor Peoples Dinner" of tabouli, fruit, peanut butter, and bread for Saturday night. It's free for anyone who can't pay. Anyone who can is encouraged to donate food, or cash, which will quickly be converted into more food.

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Period 4

12:30-1:30

PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

Rm. 626

To be discussed: Why build a gay library? How does one go about it? What does one collect and where can it be found? What gay libraries already exist? [Mark Silber]

COUPLES AND CAREERS

Rm. 429

After discussing the general problems that couples face in finding compatible careers, two or three specific problems, and possible solutions. Personal testimony will be stressed. [Susan Thompson]

COALITION WITH OTHER OPPRESSED MINORITIES

Rm. 619

[Kathy Fire and Barbara Ruth]

LESBIAN MOTHERS

Rm. 629

A Lesbian mother will facilitate a discussion about specific problems and experiences of being a Lesbian mother. [Coralie Lester]

KNOW YOUR ENEMY: GAYS AND THE STRAIGHT MEDIA

Rm. 719

A discussion of problems and methods of dealing with the homophobic straight media on all levels. Designed to educate about the types and causes of problems, and specific ways of dealing with them. [Stuart Culpepper and Steve Warren]

POLITICS AND PRACTICES OF WOMEN IN GAY CAUSES

Rm. 729

[Diane Gray]

CONCERNS OF GAYS IN SCIENCE

Rm. 326

Sharing experiences and ideas about forming a group for gay men and women in the physical and biological sciences, mathematics, and engineering. [Larry White]

LESBIAN/FEMINIST PUBLISHING

Rm. 426

For Women Only. The leaders will briefly present their problems in publishing "Sinister Wisdom." Then discussion: Can Lesbian/Feminists share resources and knowledge to create a feminist publishing/printing house in the Southeast. [Harriet des Moines and Catherine Nichelsen]

THE FIGHT FOR A GAY RIGHTS BILL IN NEW YORK CITY

Rm. 526

History (presentation) followed by a question and discussion period. Goal: to inform the growing, nationwide movement of the problems inherent in our civil rights movement, i.e., militancy and politics. [Seth Lawrence]

Period 5

1:30-3:30

SELF-DEFENSE FOR WOMEN

Fox salon

For Women Only. Explanation of self-defense theory and practice; learning basic self-defense moves, e.g., kicks, etc. [Marianna Kaufmann]

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Period 6

2:00-3:00

WIMMIN'S SPIRITUALITY ★

Rm. 219

For Women Only. A dialogue for, by, and about women and their spirituality. Includes an exploration of ancient and modern celebrations of our womminess. [Kathy Fire and Barbara Ruth]

GAY RURAL COMMUNITIES ★

Rm. 229

For Men Only. Main goal: The establishment of an organized network of communication, etc., for rural gays in the Southeast. A short presentation of past problems and organizations. Discussion, dialogue, and fellowship. [Mikel Wilson]

WOMEN WHO LIVE IN THE COUNTRY ★

Rm. 319

For Women Only. A discussion of the political, cultural, and social dilemmas that rural Lesbians face; ways to support each other; and how to encourage other women to live in the country. [Duffy Baum]

SLIDE SHOW AGAINST VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Rm. 329

Slide show followed by discussion. [K. Gold and the Atlanta Women's Union]

COMING OUT AT WORK

Rm. 519

[Stephen Lenton, Ph.D.]

ON GAYS GROWING OLDER

Rm. 326

A Gray Panther's member will give a presentation and lead discussion of gays growing older, the "permanent relationship," relationships, social and political problems. [Eddie Sandifer]

MOTORCYCLE TRAVEL FOR WOMEN

Rm. 426

SISSIE/QUEER/EFFEMINIST/BOY LOVE: THE CUTTING EDGE OF THE MALE GAY MOVEMENT

Rm. 526

To bring together gay males to explore the revolutionary Sissie consciousness, discover the political implications, and possibly create a network for communication and support. [Dimid and Dean Hayes]

SOUND AND MOVEMENT-MOVEMENT AND PLAY FOR PEOPLE

Fox Ballroom

A continuation of the exclusive male/female workshops at 11am. [Susan Spaulding and Elise Melrood; Jack Brownfield and Randy Taylor]

WAYS TO LIKE MYSELF EVEN MORE

Parlors A, B, C

Techniques for improving self-image. Exercises demonstrating the individual's unique positive history. The primary goal is an immediate increase in self-appreciation, while the secondary goal is teaching ways to build and maintain positive self-image. [Bob Sigmon]

ORGANIZING MARCHES AND DEMONSTRATIONS

429

The co-coordinators of the Atlanta Gay Rights Alliance will present specific information on organizing gay marches and demonstrations [Victor Host and Linda Regnier]

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HOMOSEXUALITY, CHRISTIANITY AND MCC

[Dennis Gene]

Rm. 529

ASSERTIVENESS TRAINING

Rm. 619

Lecture on key aspects of assertiveness - its goals and meaning, how to act assertively, etc. Discussion, exercises and role playing involving the above concepts. [Howard Fradkin]

GAY HEALTH ISSUES

Rm. 719

An open discussion facilitated by a gay doctor with gay clinic experiences. Possible topics: finances, access to care, discrimination, the Women's Health Movement, V. D., psychiatric definitions, etc. [Tim Wolpert]

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: HOW TO ORGANIZE IT

Rm. 729

Panel followed by discussion. The basic areas involved in starting and maintaining a gay community education program: making contacts, preparing materials, training speakers, keeping up the momentum. [Allan Brown]

COMING OUT TO PARENTS

Rm. 226

Same workshop as 11:00 - 1:00.

POWER AND CONFLICT UTILIZATION

Rm. 626

Some theory on power and conflict; examining beliefs about power, identifying some of the currencies of power and style of working with conflict. [Charles Murphy]

GRAND JURY RESISTANCE

Terrace Room

Outlining the connection between grand jury abuse and the gay and feminist movements. Strategies for preventing and coping with contempt cases, including prisoner's rights. [Jill Raymond]

LESBIANS IN N.O.W. ★

629

For Women Only. An exclusive version of the 11am workshop. [Lynn Crisco]

Period 8-Panel (Fox Salon)

3-5

THE GAY MOVEMENT 1978: WHERE ARE WE NOW AND WHERE ARE WE GOING?

With Lesbians and gay men of different political perspectives.

H. Michael Bardin--Secretary of the Dade County Coalition for Human Rights.

Faye Ben Miriam--A radical faggot active with the Carolina Gay Association in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Stella Eller--Involved with the Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance.

Faye Johnson--Black Lesbian feminist active in the Knoxville, Tennessee gay community.

C. Mobley--Active in Atlanta's Metropolitan Community Church for the last three years.

Gil Robison--Founder of the First Tuesday Democratic Association.

Heidi J. Silver--A member of the Atlanta branch of Workers World Party and active in its Gay Caucus.

Moderator--Cheryl Pence

LOCAL COMMUNITY ACTION

Rm. 219

Virginia gays are organizing statewide and we want to share our experiences and information which have been positive, and what we've done to facilitate political community. [Barbara Weinstock]

GAY & ANGRY/GAY & SAD: THE PSYCHOLOGICAL REALITIES OF OPPRESSION

Rm. 229

A presentation followed by discussion of how psychological problems experienced by gays can be interpreted in light of political oppression rather than as individual neurotic behavior. Oriented primarily towards men, but women are welcome. [Frank Abbott]

ALCOHOLISM AND THE GAY COMMUNITY

Rm. 319

Alcoholism as a disease prevalent in the gay community will be examined - identifying myths and stereotypes, aiding recovery, and providing referrals. A film will be screened in addition to lecture and discussion. [Cynthia Edwards]

THIRD WORLD WOMEN ★

Rm. 329

For Third World Women Only. [Faye Johnson]

COOPERATIVE LEADERSHIP

Rm. 429

Collective and decentralized leadership in gay organizations will be outlined including: learning communication skills, creative problem-solving, equality in leadership and power roles, and group decision-making. Active learning techniques will be used involving the participants. [Jim Struve]

DISCHARGING DISTRESS: ONE ON ONE COUNSELING

Rm. 519

Revealing highly effective processes for expressing all your negative and positive emotions through one on one counseling. Consists of 1) Introduction of basic theories, 2) Demonstration of partner counseling, 3) Discussing unique approaches to sexuality and oppression, 4) Pairing off for mini-counseling sessions and 5) Summarizing and answering questions. Draws from re-evaluation therapy. [Greg James and David Bryant]

NEW AGE SPIRITUALITY

Rm. 326

The role of Lesbians and Gay men in the Aquarian Age Community; Androgyny; Sexuality; Spirituality and Self-Discovery. [Robert Thompson]

ANARCHA--FEMINISM

[Kathy Fire and Barbara Ruth]

Rm. 426

SKIN HUNGER

Fox Salon

Workshop will be a positive, non-sexual progression through varying modes of touch and the emotions they evoke. A major goal is heightened awareness of the need for a safe and constructive touching, and methods for satisfying this need. [Bob Sigmon]

LOBBYING CONGRESS FOR OUR RIGHTS

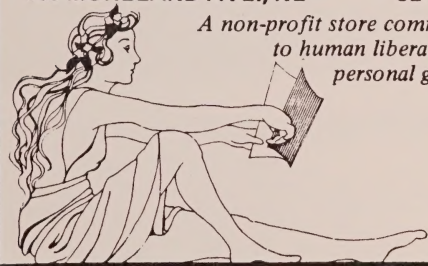
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Topics to be discussed are legislation, lobbying, and constituent pressure through means of a short presentation, discussion, and sharing of resources. [Adam DeBaugh]

You may have noticed that there is an absence of women's bars in our advertising. After talking with both owners, we were pleased to receive their assistance with publicity and pre conference benefits. Unfortunately, neither bar was able to place an ad due to financial limitations at this time. Special mention is being made of them in the hope that women will support them during the conference and on a continuing basis. The Tower Lounge, 745 Forrester Avenue, offers a relaxed down home atmosphere where you can dance, play pool, and listen to the juke box. Ms. Garbo's, 2206 Cheshire Bridge Road, is a popular social spot that attracts the disco oriented set and is always crowded on weekends.

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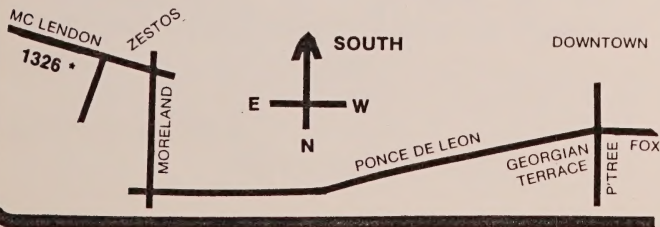


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A light buffet (wine, juice, cheese, and fruits) will be served and a space will be provided to relax, talk informally, shoot pool, or just hang out. Please come by and meet your ALFA sisters. If you need additional information or help with transportation to ALFA, see the women at the ALFA table or try calling 523-7786. The ALFA house will also be open Sunday evening from 6pm to 9pm. All women welcome.



Period 10

4:30-5:30

PRODUCING WOMEN'S CONCERTS ★

629

For Women Only. A practical discussion on the nuts and bolts of producing concerts for women: contracts, sound, publicity, etc. To help women produce their own concerts. [Chris Carroll (Lucina's Music)]

BISEXUAL WOMEN AND THE FEMINIST MOVEMENT ★

719

For Women Only. A dialogue to explore the conflict and identify ways Lesbians and bi women can support each other in our struggle against patriarchy. [Diane Spagh]

ERA STRATEGIES [Karen Peterson]

Terrace Room

RURAL GAYS

Parlors A, B, & C

An open workshop on being gay and living in the country. [Mikel Wilson & Duffy Baum]

COMING OUT

Rm. 529

An experimental workshop designed to explore what being gay means to different participants, to examine our feelings about being gay and to assist in the establishment of a positive, personal, individual identity. Techniques utilized include human resources training, structures encounter group exercises, lecturette and group discussion. [Stephen Lenton]



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10:45 am **WORD IS OUT, Stories of some of our lives**
2 hours 15 minutes. Color.. Movie.

Made by the Mariposa Film Group, six San Francisco based documentary filmmakers, "Word Is Out, stories of some of our lives," presents conversations with 26 (chosen from an original 200 videotaped interviews) Lesbians and gay men from a variety of age groups, cultures, life styles, religious, ethnic, and geographic backgrounds. They tell their own stories with an integrity that speaks not only to the experience of being gay, but also to universal human experience. Divided into three parts: "the early years," "growing up," and "from now on," "Word Is Out" explores and testifies to the vastness of, as well as the individuality within, the nation's gay population.

F I L M S

1:10 pm **WE'RE ALIVE**
50 minutes. Color and B/W. Movie.

This unique film is a collaboration between a group of filmmakers from UCLA who went inside the walls of the California Institution for Women to teach a video workshop, and the women inside who created a powerful statement using the skills they learned in that workshop.

2:10 pm **IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILDREN**
53 minutes. Color. Movie.

A landmark film about lesbian mothers and child custody which presents a direct challenge to the prevailing myths about the lesbian as mother. Portrayed in this Iris film are eight lesbian mothers, their interaction with each other and their children, and statement by an attorney and clinical social worker around the issue of a lesbian's right to maintain custody of her children.

3:15 pm **LARRY GOLDMAN WORKS**
23 minutes. B/W. Video.

"Larry Goldman Works" (N.A. Diaman; Persona Video) is a poignant and amusing video-portrait of a gay man and the way he relates to his job. During 1977, "Larry Goldman Works" was shown at the Third Annual Documentary Video Festival in New York, UCLA Gay Pride Week in Los Angeles, and the San Francisco Gay Video Festival. This is its first showing in the Southeast.

3:50 pm **THE PLACE BETWEEN OUR BODIES**
23 minutes. Color. Movie.

"The Place Between Our Bodies" (Michael Wallin; The Filmmaker) is a film which attempts to come to grips with the various issues involved in one's sexuality. It progresses from a series of relatively non-emotional sexual encounters to an intensely emotional relationship with a lover. The subject matter of the film is sexuality; it treats sex both explicitly and non-exploitatively.

4:25 pm **SUPERDYKE**
20 minutes. Color. Movie.

A troop of Amazons take over a city in this film by Barbara Hammer.

4:50 pm **SUPERDYKE MEETS MADAM X**
20 minutes. b/w. Video.

This confrontation/collaboration between Barbara Hammer and Max Almy won the Louise Riskin Prize for its sensitive portrayal of these two women working on communication with each other in their love affair.

5:20 pm **A COMEDY IN SIX UNNATURAL ACTS**
25 minutes. B/W. Movie.

Jan Oxenberg presents a loving satire on some of the stereotyped images of Lesbians, including the wallflower, stompin' dyke, role player, and non-monogamous "right on" sister. Each scene is filmed in a style which is also a spoof on a different genre from the history of Hollywood films.

5:50 pm **MOON GODDESS**
15 minutes. Color. Movie.

Barbara Hammer and Gloria Churchman collaborated on this spiritual quest for the creative spirit. This film contributes to a growing feminine cultural movement, and evokes ancient and contemporary rich herstorical imagery.

As you've probably noticed, there is a conspicuous under-representation of male-oriented films and video tapes. The Conference planners had originally planned to show the gay male feature length film A Very Natural Thing. However, due to financial limitations, and the high rental cost of the film, we regret to announce that the film won't be shown as advertised. The Workshops and Films Committee apologizes for this inconvenience.

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So, you say you're wiped out? Dinner, candlelight, a little wine at one of the local gay restaurants will solve the problem. Come back ready for a more relaxed pace. First, Kathy Dennis will speak on the subject of lesbian mothers - a subject of timely concern to all of us. After that, the best of gay entertainment in the Egyptian Ballroom. See Atlanta's own Red Dyke Theatre, singer Hank Barron, and Washington D.C.'s stunning cabaret act, Red Shoes Walking. A late night disco follows - kick up your heels and dance the night away!

Speech (Fox Ballroom) 7:00-8:30

LESBIAN MOTHERS WITHIN THE GAY COMMUNITY AND THE FIGHT FOR GAY LIBERATION

Kathy Dennis, a black Lesbian mother, was born and raised in Virginia. She has been active in many labor struggles, and won an EFOC (Equal Employment Opportunities Commission) suit against A. T. & T. She participated in the Hard Times Conference, and was on the first National Steering Committee of CLUW (Coalition of Labor Union Women).

Gayety (Fox Ballroom) 9-?

HANK BARRON

Hank is a gay male and a folksinger currently living in Philadelphia. In 1973, Hank graduated from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. After one year as a music educator, Hank chose to combine his talents and gay political energies through performing gay-oriented music. He has performed in many cities on the East coast. Sing on, Brother!

RED SHOES WALKING

"Red Shoes Walking" features David Johnson, Janis Roach, Jan Frederick Shiffman, and composer/writer Jim Grundmann at the piano. The group has appeared as the original cast of "The Bride of Sirocco," which enjoyed a four-month run at the "New Playwright's Theatre" of Washington, D.C. and the "West End Theatre." The group recently completed an East Coast tour with club dates in New York, Philadelphia, Atlantic City, and Baltimore. Favorite food: french fries with ketchup - to go. Favorite Beatle: Paul. Pet Peeve: people who talk too much.

RED DYKE THEATRE

We are a group of Lesbians who embrace a lesbian/feminist and anti-capitalist viewpoint. Red Dyke Theatre feels itself part of a new women's culture. The music we use is not strictly by, for, or about women. Most of it is, however, the music coming from another oppressed culture. RDT feels a solidarity with the struggles of all oppressed groups whether they be gay, Third World, or poor. We are women portraying women in non-stereotyped ways. Our appearance and styles are as varied as yours, and each is important to RDT as you are to the community.



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The United States Congress passed the Equal Rights Amendment in March of 1972. Since that time, 35 of the 38 states necessary for ratification have passed it. We have only *one more year* (March of 1979) to secure the three more states required. (There is a move afoot to get Congress to extend the time limit another seven years, but that is not a surety, by any means.) Ratification of the Amendment has been held up by the concentrated political work of the anti-ERA forces, the same right-wing folks who brought you Dade County and other anti-lesbian/gay activities, anti-abortion legislation, and moves against affirmative action for women, Blacks, and other minorities.

Last year, the National Organization for Women called for a national economic boycott of unratified ERA states. The purpose of the boycott is to impact economically on these states, in order to bring pressure on the state legislatures. That economic impact is already being felt to the tune of millions of dollars of lost tourist money.

At this moment, more than 120 organizations, from the United Automobile Workers to the Coalition of Labor Union Women to the Church of the Brethren, have passed resolutions supporting the boycott, meaning that they will not hold their conventions or conferences in the 15 states that have not ratified.

A quick look at the map shows that of the 15 unratified states, 9 are in the South. Virginia, South Carolina and Georgia killed the ERA this year for the umpteenth time. This means that we live in what can really be called an "unratified region."

When we were well into the planning of the conference, we had to stop and take into account that we were meeting in an unratified state. The Atlanta steering committee and women's caucus went through some very intensive discussions about what to do. We all are strongly in support of the ERA, and see it as part of our struggle for full human rights. We understand that a defeat for the ERA will be a tremendous setback for all of us -- lesbians and gay men. We endorse the boycott as a mechanism for gaining ERA ratification.

After much talk, we decided to continue with this year's conference in Atlanta. However, recognizing the conflict between holding Southern regional conferences and supporting the boycott, we incorporated the following into our conference plans: contributing financially to ERA work from our ad revenue; limiting cash flow as much as possible into Atlanta by arranging alternate housing and food; distributing a list of merchants that support the ERA; doing educational work around the ERA at the conference with speakers and workshops; and proposing a resolution that future lesbian/gay conferences be held in ratified Southern states.

We hope to have some good, creative, constructive dialogue about the ERA, the boycott, and our southern movement while we are here at this conference. We face problems that no other region faces, since so few of our states have ratified. Only Tennessee, Kentucky, and Texas have done so. (Tennessee rescinded its original "yes" vote several years ago, and Kentucky followed suit just three weeks ago. Although these rescission votes will probably not hold up in court, they nevertheless symbolize a mood and a movement that we are up against.)

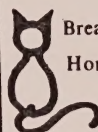
How can folks in unratified southern states work with folks in unratified states? What kind of support do we need from folks in other regions? What kinds of creative solutions can we come up with? Would it be possible for us to have "internal" conferences in which we provide all our own food and housing? Are people from the ratified states willing to take on primary responsibility for organizing conferences? Can we learn to build regional networks so that our responsibilities are spread out (and not burned out)? How important is the ERA to us?

We are hoping that discussion around this issue will go on in state caucuses, the ERA strategy workshop, other workshops and caucuses, and in informal conversations. We have set aside a time on Sunday morning, from 10:30 am to 12 noon to focus exclusively on this question. It is a tough problem but if we bring creative thinking to it, working through it can be part of a real growing and strengthening process. We hope that there will be at least a few people from each of the states at this meeting. Whatever we come up with will be presented at the feedback session Sunday at noon and in a post-conference press release.

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Speech (Hotel Ballroom) 10:30-12

THE E.R.A., THE E.R.A. BOYCOTT, AND BUILDING A SOUTHERN LESBIAN/GAY MOVEMENT

Vicki Gabriner is on the steering committee of the 3rd Annual Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men. She has been active in the Atlanta Lesbian/feminist community since its birth days in the early 1970's. Vicki helped start "Georgians For the E.R.A." and is the author of "Sleeping Beauty, A Lesbian Fairy Tale."

Feedback (Hotel Ballroom) 12-1

Are you pissed off about some aspect of the Conference? Or, are you utterly ecstatic with the weekend's offerings? Either way, let us know at the Feedback Session. Of primary concern will be the initial planning for next year's Conference.

Picnic in the Park

What better way to end the Conference than to picnic in Piedmont Park? Bring some food, share it, and say au revoir to all the great folks you've met this weekend. Please, don't forget to clean up your mess. After all, littering is a crime against nature.

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SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE OF LESBIANS AND GAY MEN

Conference Report 1978

Another year, another conference. As in the two previous years, gay men and lesbians throughout the region joined together over the April Fool's weekend for the Third Annual Southeastern Conference of Lesbians and Gay Men —this time held at the Georgian Terrace Hotel in Atlanta. 650 gay men and lesbians attended the three day event, slightly less than the previous year's attendance in Chapel Hill. Over sixty workshops were held, including many of the usual topics, plus many new ones such as "Producing Women's Concerts", "Armed Struggle", "Gay Rural Communities", and "Working with Straight Men in Men's Liberation Groups". For the first time, the conference was coordinated by a coalition of lesbian and gay men's groups in the Atlanta area specifically established to deal with conference matters.

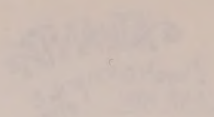
In addition to the workshops—panels, speeches by prison organizer Jill Raymond, gay right's activist Adam DeBaugh, and a black lesbian mother, Kathy Dennis, films, a cabaret, and other entertainment afforded conference participants opportunities to exchange ideas and information, share skills, meet people, make regional connections, and play.

Men's and women's caucusses at the conference discussed planning for separate meetings in June and September. These separate conferences will serve the special needs of women and men, and explore areas of common interest for the planned general conference next spring.

A heated Sunday morning feedback session focused on some differences within the gay movement which surfaced during the weekend. Issues raised included progress to be made in getting men and women to work together; understanding differing views on gays' own sexism; maintaining productive, open exchange in large meetings, and insuring the input of non-activist gays. The feedback session also produced positive and useful ideas and suggestions for the regional network which will plan and arrange the 1979 meeting.

A high priority was placed on holding the conference in an ERA-ratified state. Currently groups in Tennessee are considering their ability to provide organizational support for a conference in their state. Groups and individuals in other states in the region committed themselves to a decentralized organizational network for sharing work and responsibility for future conferences. Lesbians and gay men in Chapel Hill and Durham, N.C., organizers of the 1976 and 1977 conferences, assumed responsibility for planning and setting up this network. Decentralizing responsibility for the conference throughout the region will remove the burden from one overworked group of people, diversify input into the planning process, strengthen the gay network in the southeast, and utilize and develop important skills in the regional movement/community.

The planning and management system proposed by Chapel Hill people and friends schedules advance planning to begin as early as the end of June.



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